

Thank you for your support of SB 343 and SB 346. We, as parents, support these bills in memory of our son, Jeffrey Peter Spencer II. Jeffrey was an extremely talented artist as well as a very caring individual. Jeffrey would sit for hours drawing in his ever present sketch pad. He would sit for hours on end, drawing the same picture over and over again, each time meticulously adding more and more detail until he was satisfied with the results. His artwork was recently displayed at the East Haven library, where it drew rave reviews.

In addition to Jeffrey's artistic abilities, he was a master at solving the Rubiks cube, as well as an accomplished juggler.

To say Jeffrey was a caring individual is truly an understatement. He would always have an ear to listen, kind words to say, a shoulder to cry on, or open arms for needed hugs. His personality and quirky habits would always bring a smile for all who knew him. He was loved by everyone and he loved everyone he knew.

Unfortunately, Jeffrey's life was tragically cut short as he walked across the road on his way home after spending an evening with his friends at the local church carnival at only age 15.

Jeffrey trusted that the crosswalk where he was crossing was safe, but tragically it wasn't. I urge you to support SB 343 and SB 346, not only for the memory of our son, but for all the children who use crosswalks on a daily basis, whether going to or coming from school, a quick run to the nearest store, or merely crossing the street to reach their friends house. They should do it safely and not worry that an approaching car will cut them down in the dawn of their life.